

## Communion Meditation – Final Admonitions

John 16.5-15

“Work of the Spirit”

November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### Coming and Going

- v5 ~ “But now I go away ..”
- v7 ~ “.. if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you”
- The disciples love being around Jesus / They love the light that fills Him

### Convicting the World

- v8 ~ “He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment”
  - v9 ~ SIN “they do not believe me”
    - Read Jn 9.35-41 Denial of sin spiritual blindness / Jesus only has cure
  - v10 ~ RIGHTEOUSNESS “I go to My Father”
    - Jesus’ righteousness is confirmed by his acceptance into Heaven
      - Dove at baptism, transfiguration, voice from Heaven, res & ascent
  - v11 ~ JUDGMENT “the ruler of this world is judged”
    - Read Jn 1.19-21 “.. men loved darkness rather than light”
      - “because their deeds were evil” shame / guilt => lust / desire

### Promise and Work of the Spirit

- v13 ~ “when He has come .. He will guide .. all truth .. things to come”
  - HS came in Acts / Truth revealed in Epistles / Future in Revelation
  - HS doesn’t play favs / ALL truth means our toes will be stepped on
    - It’s easy to see other people’s sins / We resist TRUTH of our own
- v14 ~ “He will glorify Me”
  - The HS glorifies Christ / We must not assist in depriving Christ of glory
  - Our culture is tolerant of God – a nebulous term for a nebulous being
  - Our culture is tolerant of spirituality – again, tailored to themselves
  - Our culture violently opposes Jesus / Yet He owns all that we see (v15)
  - Jesus has bound the strong man and is despoiling his kingdom

Coming to the Table should reflect a desire to be changed by the Holy Spirit

We want the HS to guide us to a true knowledge of ourselves / of our sins

We want to open ourselves up to conviction / embrace truth & righteousness

God’s Holy Spirit transforms us / We want the power that only He can bring